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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill regulates processing of insurance claims on portable consumer electronics products, such as cell phones. A claim usually results in receiving a replacement of the product. This type of insurance is usually purchased from retailers at the point of sale. Its sale is regulated under sections 60K.381 and 60K.55, subdivision 2, both enacted in 2010.

- 1 Automated claims adjudication system.** Defines this type of computer system, which is designed to process insurance claims on portable electronics. Specifies that it must used only by personnel permitted under Minnesota law to use it, must comply with Minnesota insurance adjusting laws, and must be certified by a licensed independent adjuster as complying with Minnesota law.
- 2 Requirement ; exceptions.** Adds a person processing portable electronics claims to a statutory list of types of insurance claims processing personnel who do not need to be licensed as an insurance adjuster if the person is employed by a licensed independent adjuster or its affiliate and is adequately supervised. States what qualifies as adequate supervision.
- 3 Criminal history record check; fingerprints.** Specifies the information that must be provided by a business entity applying for a resident independent insurance adjuster license.
- 4 Business entity.** Same as preceding section, but applies to business entities applying for a nonresident independent insurance license. Requires same information as preceding section, but does not require certain information about officers, directors, and owners of the applicant if the applicant's home state requires the same information for similar licensure.